AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of navigating a menu structure within an electronic product, comprising the steps of:

identifying a first location within a menu;

obtaining a first utterance of speech <u>comprising at least one word chosen</u>
by a user of said electronic product;

storing said first utterance of speech <u>chosen by said user</u> as a model in a user-built lexicon;

associating said first utterance with said first location and generating therefrom a stored first location;

obtaining a second utterance of speech; and

matching said second utterance with said model of said first utterance to identify said stored first location within said menu; and

navigating to said first location.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of navigating a menu structure within an electronic product, comprising the steps of:

identifying a user-selected navigation path through said menu structure to a first location within said menu;

obtaining a first utterance of speech <u>comprising at least one word chosen</u>

<u>by a user of said electronic product;</u>

storing said first utterance of speech <u>chosen by said user</u> as a model in a user-built lexicon:

associating said first utterance with said navigation path
obtaining a second utterance of speech; and
matching said second utterance with said model of said first utterance to
retrieve said navigation path associated with said first utterance; and
using said retrieved navigation path to navigate to said first location within
said menu.

- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising storing said navigation path as a sequence of navigation steps leading to said first location.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising storing said navigation path as a semantic sequence of navigation steps leading to said first location.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said menu structure includes associated text and said method further comprises storing said navigation path as a semantic sequence of text associated with the navigation steps leading to said first location.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising constructing a speech model associated with said first utterance and associating said speech model with said navigation path.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising using a speech recognizer to compare said first and second utterances in performing said matching step.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising constructing a speech model associated with said first utterance and using said speech model to populate the lexicon of speech recognizer; and

using said speech recognizer to compare said first and second utterances in performing said matching step.

- 9. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of identifying a user-selected navigation path comprises displaying said first location on a visible display associated with said electronic product and prompting said user to provide said utterance.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising providing user feedback of the association between said first utterance and said navigation path by said first location on a visible display associated with said electronic product and producing an audible representation of said first utterance.

- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising providing user feedback of the association between said first utterance and said navigation path by said first location on a visible display associated with said electronic product and producing a textual representation of said first utterance.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein said audible representation is provided by storing said first utterance as audio data and replaying said audio data at user request.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said textual representation is provided using a speech recognizer.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said textual representation is provided by storing text data associated with said first utterance and displaying said text data at user request.
- 15. (Original) A voice binding system to aid in user operation of electronic devices, comprising:
- a menu navigator that provides a traversable menu structure offering a plurality of predefined menu locations;
 - a speech recognizer having an associated lexicon data store;
 - a processor for adding user-defined speech to said lexicon; and

a voice binding system coupled to said menu navigator for associating said user-defined speech with predetermined menu locations within said menu structure, operable to traverse to a predetermined menu location in response to a spoken utterance corresponding to said user-defined speech.

- 16. (Original) The voice binding system of claim 15 wherein said menu navigator includes at least one navigation button operable to traverse said menu structure.
- 17. (Original) The voice binding system of claim 15 wherein said voice binding system stores predefined menu locations as traversal path sequences.
- 18. (Original) The voice binding system of claim 15 wherein said voice binding system stores predefined menu locations as semantic sequences.
- 19. (Original) The voice binding system of claim 15 further comprising user feedback system operable to audibly reproduce the user-defined speech associated with predefined menu locations.
- 20. (Original) The voice binding system of claim 19 wherein said user-defined speck is stored as recorded speech waveforms and wherein said user feedback system replays said waveforms in response to user navigation to associated predefined menu locations.